

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 137

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A RESOLUTION requesting TACIR, in conjunction with the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Department of Health, to examine the security of the State's water infrastructure.

WHEREAS, all Tennesseans deserve access to clean and safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS, according to the U.S. Water Alliance, more than 2 million Americans live without basic access to safe drinking water and sanitation, and 17 percent of people living in rural areas report having experienced issues with safe drinking water; and

WHEREAS, insufficient water infrastructure threatens the security of our State and risks our citizens' health, jobs, and future prosperity; and

WHEREAS, disasters, both humanmade and naturally occurring, can impact the ability of water and wastewater utilities to function, including the potential disruption of drinking water supplies to municipalities; and

WHEREAS, it is of vital importance that relevant state agencies and departments perform a comprehensive review of the security of the water infrastructure in the State of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRTEENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we request the Tennessee Advisory Commission on Intergovernmental Relations (TACIR), in conjunction with the Department of Environment and Conservation and the Department of Health, to examine the security of the State's water infrastructure.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon completion of the examination, TACIR is further requested to share its findings with the members of the General Assembly no later than March 1, 2024.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be transmitted to the chairman of TACIR, the commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation, and the commissioner of the Department of Health.